



OFFICE OF THE  
COMMISSIONER OF  
ELECTIONS

March 15, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

In reviewing the complaint (MUR 6916), it does not appear that there is a specific allegation or claim of an action on the part of the Houston Barnes for Congress Committee violating the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

The substance of the complaint appears to center around the company Catalyst LLC ("Catalist"). The Houston Barnes for Congress Committee did not engage with Catalyst, and had no communication with Catalyst. NGP Van, LLC ("NGP VAN") is also referenced multiple times. For the duration of the campaign, the Houston Barnes for Congress Committee engaged NGP VAN as a software supplier only for database management, and paid a monthly fee for those services only. At no time did the Committee knowingly give or receive any donor information or other data to NGP VAN.

The Houston Barnes For Congress Committee was engaged in an active campaign for a period of less than 6 months. The Committee did not pay for email lists and did not engage in any "email swaps". During the campaign, the Houston Barnes For Congress Committee followed all FEC and Commission rules, regulations, and laws.

No action should be taken against either the Houston Barnes for Congress Committee nor myself acting as the Treasurer, as neither party violated the Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brice Barnes". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "B" and "B".

Brice Barnes, Treasurer  
Houston Barnes For Congress Committee

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